

At Random

The biggest thing this old world needs today is the art of being KIND.

Seems about time for the government to take some of those home front conspirators and bump their heads together.

How do some of those sympathizers get away with their seditious acts.

It's a serious handicap when one is governed by "what their neighbors think."

Glad Tony has recovered and is back on the job. With only one barber on the job for a couple of weeks it began to show on the town.

Hair coiffeurs that would have graced the King Ben colonists. Only the beards were missing.

Money will solve a lot of problems but it isn't an antidote for unhappiness.

Have you noticed that the people who never did get on are always telling others where to get off at?

Post-war planning may become overblown and prove to be only a dud.

Being generous to one's own faults is a poor type of generosity.

We understand that a local man notified his wife that he wouldn't be home before 1:00 a. m. The spouse wanted to know if she "could count on it."

One woman was heard to say that she suffered most when her husband was making an important speech.

Noticing a pet shop ad, a young lady was heard to ask "do they have special places for that now?"

Sen. Ferguson Plans "Look Into" Air Base Closings

Sen. Homer Ferguson, R., Mich., said he would "look into" the reason for four Michigan air bases being dropped from the army air forces training program. The bases at Alpena, Saginaw, Bay City, Midland, and Grayling, and Kellogg held at Battle Creek were ordered on a stand-by basis Wednesday by the War Department and will be maintained with only skeleton crews.

Ferguson said he recognized that the army's action was "strictly a military proposition" but added that the government "spent a lot of money" to get the fields in shape for the training program.

License Numbers On Ration Books

We are in receipt of a copy of a press release from OPA which provides that Michigan motorists may write their new 1944 license plate numbers on the covers of their gasoline ration books and tire inspection records. It is pointed out that if an individual has already placed his 1944 license number on the cover of the new plate number need only be written on the ration book cover.

Biffy Lee Visits Grayling

Jay L. "Biffy" Lee of Detroit was in town Monday and Tuesday of this week calling on old friends.

The old timers of the town will recall Mr. Lee playing on our local base ball team, back in 1910, under the name of "Casey". This was due to the fact that he did want to lose his collegiate standing.

The summer spent here tallied in the lumber yards of Saling Hanson Co. when not in the pursuit of a base ball.

He attended Albion College in 1909, 1910 and 1911 and then he went to Notre Dame.

He was a star athlete there playing on the same foot ball team having such players as the late Knute Rockne and Gus Dorais of the present Detroit Lions.

Mr. Lee also coached foot ball at Notre Dame and later the Niagara College at Buffalo, N. Y.

Since 1937 he has been located in Detroit as Manager of the Phoenix Mutual Life Ins. Co., and their offices are 1717 National Bank Bldg.

He was a classmate in Albion College of Carl Johnson and Dr. Stanley Stealy, and this trio enjoyed getting together again this week.

Treat Wooden Hats
Structural parts of types of wooden hats for boys on the fighting fronts are protected against moisture absorption, fungus growth and abrasion by dipping them in tanks filled with water-repellent toxic wood preservative.

Grayling Swamps Mancelona; West Branch Here Jan. 25

Last Friday night before the largest crowd in several years, Grayling's Green Wave defeated a strong Mancelona team by the score of 46-31. In removing Mancelona from the undefeated class, Grayling played amazing ball to lead throughout the contest. The victory places Grayling at the top of the conference heap at the top of the conference heap at the top of the conference heap.

This Friday night the locals go to Koscusko for their first game away from home this season. In the opening game of the year, Grayling defeated the Koscusko team by the score of 46-31.

In the next game, Grayling's Green Wave will meet West Branch on Tuesday, January 25th. This contest will mark the revival of relations with the town-state-city since discontinuing competition between the two schools in basketball five years ago.

The Grayling-Mancelona contest found the locals starting off with breath-taking speed to grab a commanding lead of 12 to 1 at the close of the first period.

In the second quarter, Grayling's momentum to creep up on the locals and decreased Grayling's advantage to 22-16 at the half-way mark.

In the last half Grayling regained its form of the first period and scored frequently, gradually increasing their lead to 46-31 at the close of the game.

Mancelona had a fine ball club but the speed and shooting of the locals couldn't be matched.

Sandy Thompson, with another outstanding performance, led the locals. Besides playing a fine floor game, Sandy scored twenty one points. Bennett, Allen and Carlson sparkled again with their fine all around play.

Stevenson ousted early in the second period with four personals stood out on the banks and Brady, his replacement, played bang up ball for his first try at center. Anthony and Schaible filled in nicely at forward during the game.

For Mancelona: Nothstine, 6 ft., 4 inches, center; Garlick and Hamblin stood out.

In the preliminary last Friday, the Grayling Reserves lost a 26-21 decision to a team composed of boys out of school. This game was another fast one with the Reserves coming along fast at the end to make the game close.

In the Editor's Mail

Tryon, No. Car.
Jan. 8, 1944.

Friend Oscar:
I need a tonic and can think of none better than the arrival of the home town paper each week.

If you have the issues back to Dec. 1st and wish to send them, that will be all the better for me and I'll be up to date.

Enclose check for \$2.00. I'll be back with you in the spring and glad of it. Kindest regards to family.

Yours,
Frank G. Canfield,
Lock Box 728, Tryon, No. Car.

Weather Conditions Hamper Pike Spearing

Ice fishermen who are having trouble seeing pike to spear because of the "pea soup" appearance of the water under the ice, can blame the weather, according to the institute for fisheries research of the conservation department. There has been no snow to keep the light from going through the ice, and many lakes have started to "bloom" causing the murky appearance found more commonly in summer.

This weather condition causes a cycle which will have an adverse effect on ice fishing later in the season, the institute predicts.

The microscopic phytoplankton or water bloom furnishes food for animal plankton or water fleas causing a big crop. Blue-balls and perch feed heavily on the fleas and can get plenty of food by staying in one spot and breathing it in with the water. This eliminates the necessity of moving around in search of food, and the fish don't seek the fisherman's bait until a heavy snow cuts off the light, killing the plants and causing the animal to disappear.

Entertains With Shower

Mrs. Leo Jorgenson was hostess to a lovely shower Tuesday evening at her home in honor of Mrs. Malvin Marshall. The evening was spent playing buncos with high score being held by Miss Leone Jorgenson, and low, Mrs. Charles Moshier. Later in the evening a lovely lunch was served buffet style. Mrs. Marshall received many lovely gifts.

U.S.O. Hostesses Help U. of M. Grid Star Write Letter to Girl Back Home



Coaching from the sidelines is being given Marine trainee Olshanski by three of the hostesses at the new Ann Arbor community USO just opened Dec. 11.

Olshanski, football star and letterman at the University of Michigan, comes from Wausau, Wisconsin. One night at the USO he started to write a letter home to his girl. He got stuck after "Dear Mary." Soon gathered around to help him were: Peggy Kuch, Joan Gallup and Dorothy Kittredge.

The USO is a joint project of the town and University. For the 4,000 service men in training it provides recreational facilities, telephone message service, checking, an information and a date bureau, lending library, mending, handicraft and game rooms.

Bowling Scores Of The Past Week

January 12, 1944.
NEW YORK CENTRAL R. R.
Total 3 games

J. Barber	429
A. Hanson	455
S. Flower	368
G. Quinn	455
L. Denewett	498
D. Murray	429

Handicap 2205
Total 2205

HANSON'S CHEVROLET

W. Laurant	512
E. Larson	495
R. Milnes	565
C. Johnson	562
S. Rasmussen	530

Handicap 2255
Total 2255

BERT'S MOBILGAS

G. Luhrs	391
R. Higgins	450
F. Bertl	475
J. Schepke	535
L. Legg	360

Handicap 2211
Total 2211

DORE MFG. CO. NO. 1

T. Stancil	445
L. Koerper	460
W. LaChappelle	487
F. Walters	483
W. Sterling	418

Handicap 2193
Total 2193

GRAYLING RESTAURANT

Ernest Olson	380
A. Misko	443
C. Long	493
M. Marshall	381
F. Roth	474
J. Cincinnati	474

Handicap 2171
Total 2171

DAD'S SPORTING GOODS

A. Nelson	445
E. Chalker	429
C. Cardinal	507
S. Rasmussen	424
A. May	532

Handicap 2337
Total 2337

SORENSEN'S SPORT GOODS

D. Cook	472
E. Gierke	387
R. Hanson	458
P. Akers	345
M. Burch	527
D. Gothro	527

Handicap 2189
Total 2189

SHOPPENAGONS INN

S. Stealy	514
A. Sorenson	384
L. Heilbrun	294
G. Thompson	367
Low Av. Opp. Team	345

Handicap 1904
Total 1904

GREEN'S TAVERN

H. Treat	518
C. Papentus	468
M. Marzowka	427
E. Champion	314
H. Bertl	502
C. DeWale	502

Handicap 2227
Total 2227



Michigan newspaper editors have always devoted more time to other people's troubles than their own.

That goes double for 1944.

Next Thursday, Friday and Saturday (Jan. 27, 28, 29) they will assemble again at the state capital. But in addition to pondering over their own war-time affairs, such as newsprint and labor shortages, the war and navy departments at Washington and Governor Harry F. Kelly at Lansing have asked Michigan editors to consider some of your problems—winning the war in 1944 and winning the post-war battle on unemployment.

That is a deserved bouquet as well as an official recognition that newspaper editors still have an essential chore or two to perform on the Michigan home front.

The war and navy departments will present timely information about the strength of our enemies, Germany and Japan, together with an up-to-the-minute summary of the military tasks involved in assailing Hitler's fortified channel coast and other points in Europe.

Lt. Colonel Karl Detzer, Michigan author who is an army observer on the staff of Lt. General Brehor Sorenson, will tell about the Michigan industrial products which he saw recently in use in the war theatres of Algeria, Tunisia, Middle East, India and England. He will emphasize the importance of maintaining adequate production in Michigan war plants.

Captain Norman C. Gillette, S. N., who commanded a naval task force recently in the Atlantic and is a veteran of years' experience prior to and since World War I, will relate the dramatic story of the remarkable growth of the U. S. Navy and its role in World War II. Captain Gillette, an expert, is in charge of the U. S. Naval Ordnance plant at Centerline, Michigan.

"War Department Report," a special motion picture, will be shown.

Hugh Baillie, president of the United Press, will pay a tribute to the American war correspondents who are covering every battle front of today's global war in order that you, back home, may have accurate and fresh information about American soldiers and sailors. Mr. Baillie visited Britain and the Mediterranean battle theatres last June and July and August and interviewed leading Allied military leaders.

Leland Stowe, distinguished foreign correspondent, who was designated by Time magazine as "America's ace war correspondent" will talk about Russia and the post-war problem of maintaining world peace.

Raymond H. Harries, 27-year-old wing commander who is the leading British fighter pilot of 1943, will relate his experiences at Dieppe and Battle of Britain and his recent escorting trips with American bombers over Germany. Harries has made 300 flights against the enemy and made 13 kills during 1943, the highest in the entire R. A. F.

Michigan's post-war planning much of which will be presented to the legislature Jan. 31, will be given an official "pre-view" in an extraordinary program led by Governor Harry F. Kelly, assisted by the following state leaders:

Vernon J. Brown, state auditor general, on "The Planning Program for Michigan";

A. N. Langus, acting director, Michigan Planning Commission, on "Inventory Facilities";

Charles M. Ziegler, state highway commissioner, on "Roads";

P. J. Hoffmaster, director, conservation department, on "Conservation";

Major W. J. Myers, selective service system, "The Returning Veteran";

Bruce Anderson, chairman, aviation advisory committee, on "Aviation";

Dr. Howard Y. McClusky, University of Michigan, "Post-War Education";

William Palmer, secretary, the West Michigan Tourist Association, "Tourist and Resort Industry";

Dean E. L. Anthony, Michigan prize, \$10.00.

E. Larson, 462; F. Walters, 390. Handicap 27. Total 879.

G. Morrison, 443; S. Stealy, 403. Handicap 42. Total 888.

Total amount paid \$24.60.

Note: The 2nd session will be held Sunday, Jan. 10th, 1944 at 3:00 p. m. sharp. Please plan on being present and leave your name with Ralph Colten at the desk as early as possible before Sunday. Come out and have a good time with the boys.

Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

Jan. 20, 1921.

A joint meeting was held at the court house Monday evening of the village council and Township board to consider the matter of buying the Presbyterian church building for a public library. A number of other citizens also were present. A committee composed of the following was appointed to look into the matter: Mayor George N. Olson, Harry Simpson and George McCullough from the council and Jos. Burton, Emil and L. J. Kraus from the township board and M. A. Bates and A. M. Lewis from the Board of Education.

Mrs. Richard McPeak of Bay City is visiting her son, George, and family.

Ambrose McClain is suffering from blood poisoning on his right hand. The infection resulting from a slight scratch.

Mrs. Henry Bauman and Mrs. Oscar Hanson were hostesses to the Bridge club Tuesday afternoon. Guests of the club were:

State College: "Agriculture" Herbert Olson, director, Michigan Municipal League: "Municipal Planning"

Among the "other people's problems" to be considered during the conference will be the Fourth War Bond campaign and the forthcoming program by the Michigan Food Council in behalf of Michigan growers and distributors.

Editors and their wives will be given an opportunity, however, for relaxation and fellowship. There will be music by a 35-piece U. S. Army band and a short concert of choral selections by the 85 voice girls' glee club of Michigan State College.

When your home-town editor goes to a "convention" in 1944, he takes along a pad of note paper and a pocket full of pencils.

Uncle Sam has sent him a written invitation to be on hand. Even the governor of Michigan requests his attendance.

Your problems—winning the war and winning the post-war battle on unemployment—will take priority over newspaper topics, such as inadequate newsprint, inadequate skilled labor, rising production costs and the like. That's nothing new for the home-town editor, as you will know. He's been worrying and fussing about other people's problems for many years. In fact, that's his business: furnishing news about things that are important to you, the reader.

Lumbering may be very beneficial to deer yards. When a yard has been browsed out or when the trees approach maturity and the lower branches die out because too little light reaches them, there is little food material left within reach of deer.

Lumbering operations carried on under proper regulations make the food material available to deer and improves conditions for new growth of trees and shrubs that will provide food and cover in the future.

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Mrs. Sarah Beckman and family
Mrs. Elmer E. Gamble and family
Mrs. Walter Graichen.

Womans Club

The meeting Monday evening was held at the home of the president, Mrs. Harry Hutchins.

Following the business session a quiz on nutrition was given to the members of the class. A movie showing the proper methods of cooking foods was shown.

On adjournment the hostess served tea which was a delightful feature of the evening.

Card of Thanks

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TWENTY FIVE YEARS

It was 25 years ago that John Bruun, directly from Denmark, arrived in Grayling to begin a career. He entered into the employ of Salling Hanson Company as bookkeeper, and became familiar with the lumber business and, incidentally, big business. He worked faithfully and diligently and in doing so he built up a reputation for ability, honesty and ambition. When the local mills closed, the Company owned thousands of acres of lands and other property. Some of this was what was known as cut-over lands, while others were located on lakes and streams. Summer homes for the city were being built, and the city was becoming more attractive. He found healthy ways for families to spend part of their time. Here again Mr. Bruun fitted into the picture and he was the means of bringing into Crawford county some of Michigan's most outstanding citizens, some to reside here part time and others to reside here permanently. Many fine homes were built here because of the activities of Mr. Bruun.

Grayling lost its bank, and what is a city without one? Local people were interested and were willing to come out with all the money that was needed to start one. But where were they to get a cashier and manager? Right here John Bruun seemed to be the logical one for that position. People had confidence in his ability and his integrity. Without having training in the banking, he undertook the job. While the local bank was being organized and commissioned, Mr. Bruun visited other banks and interviewed successful bankers. When the time came—January 2, 1932, Grayling State Savings Bank was ready for business. A statement by this bank appears in this issue of the Avalanche. It speaks for itself. It was a success right from the start and has grown in strength and community usefulness ever since.

His activities didn't stop there. His real estate adventures have been highly successful. Oil is one of Michigan's big industries. Keen as to its possibilities, Mr. Bruun has made a splendid success in that line. He is a studious reader and keeps informed on affairs of the community and state. His library contains many valuable volumes, all of which he has read. He speaks and writes several languages and keeps up on affairs of his native Denmark, and has many friends among the European countries. We question if there is a single person in Crawford county who has a wider acquaintance in the state and is more favorably known.

Since the war began, Mr. Bruun has been chairman of the county war bond sales and has taken a leading part in seeing that his home community filled its quota every month. Last Thursday a group of his business associates tendered him a banquet at the Danforth hotel in Saginaw. At the affair was about over did Mr. Bruun know that it was being given in his honor. That was one time when John was just about stumped. However he was able to acknowledge a gift of a very fine watch and express the feeling that Grayling had been good to him and that he held our people in the highest esteem. Friends from Grayling at the dinner included: Mr. Wilhelm Rase, Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Hanson, Mrs. Margrethe Graham and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hanson.

South Branch News

Mrs. D. A. Jones called on Mrs. Frank Forrester Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Dyer left for California to visit their son Alban who is stationed there.

Mrs. Starr has been a sut-in with a severe cold.

Mr. Charles Starr and son spent Saturday and Sunday at Vestabury. Mr. Starr preached at Ferris Center Sunday morning and at Vestabury at night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Schwalm were dinner guests of Mrs. Myus at West Branch Thursday noon.

Mr. Alvin Scott worked at the parsonage Friday and Saturday.

Miss Donna Scott was a guest of Miss Joyce Schwalm Wednesday night.

The Ladies Aid of the South Branch church will meet with Mrs. Clara Forrester Friday night Jan. 21 at eight o'clock. The husbands are invited.

Sgt. Wilson Hartman left Sunday night for Santa Ana, Calif., where he is stationed.

Frederic School

There are eighteen third graders and seven fourth graders in our room at present.

Virginia Kaiser is visiting her grandparents in Minnesota.

The following scholars of third and fourth grade were neither absent nor tardy during the month ending Jan. 7: Ariene Peterson, Roland Hummel, Sally Bindshatel, Ted Leong, Betty Pratt and Reta Barber.

The third and fourth graders entertained the school for one hour last Friday afternoon.

The enrollment of our school is primary, 26; third and fourth, 25; fifth and sixth, 16; seventh and eighth, 20.

Carol Lodge is absent on account of illness.

We have a grocery store and are learning to count money.

The following primary children have been neither absent nor tardy during the last month: Arthur Lozon, Tommy Peterson and Bobby Pratt.

We are all enjoying our hot lunches, and we vote Mrs. Wallace an excellent cook.

Maxine Love has returned to school after several weeks absence.

The following scholars of fifth and sixth grades have been neither absent nor tardy during the last month: Dale Allen, Dean Tobin and Jack Hummel.

7th and 8th graders are having their semester exams.

For opening exercises Mrs. O'Dell is reading "Rebecca of Sunny Brook Farm." We are having 100 per cent attendance. Hope it continues. "Stay away, sickness."

There being no school in Grayling this week the bus takes the pupils immediately after dismissal. What Bliss.

Kiwanis Club Notes

Arthur Clough was the guest speaker and gave a report of Youth Guidance meeting at Lansing Monday, which movement is being sponsored by Governor Kelly.

In the absence of President Roy Trudgeon, Vice President Stanley Stealy presided. The former is a patient at Mercy hospital where it is expected, he will be confined for several weeks. Blood transfusions already have been administered and, according to his physician, more will be required.

This week is the 29th anniversary of the founding of Kiwanis. From a modest beginning held January 21st, 1915, in Detroit, Kiwanis has expanded until now there are 2,200 clubs and 122,000 members throughout the United States and Canada. Every club is participating in war service projects and activities designed to speed the day of victory.

CONK'S COL.



—Every Angler's Fond Dream

This fishing through the ice has us rather intrigued. New to this section of the country, we wanted to know about it. So we went out to School Section Lake, Sunday.

Just a few shacks are on the ice. And it appears that the shacks are moved every once in a while, if the fishing is not so good at the former location.

Mid Judge, Moore, Royalty, Wright and others out the trail.

Judge said he was having no luck and Royalty was too busy trying to get the stove in his shack to do it. He had a frozen minnow near one of the shacks but decided it was too deep frozen to masticate. Dave's memory lapses as to his last name—invited us into his shack. Nice and warm inside. He showed us some of an ice fisherman's "tools" including spear, ice chisel for cutting holes in ice, lines, etc.

He had a hole in the ice about a foot square. Could see the bottom of the lake, the water was that clear—but again, no fish. He had one line baited with a big chub—for pike; the other had the tail of a crawfish on it, for bluegills.

We then went to see what luck the anglers fishing in the open were having; one had a nice mess of bluegills—13 in all—which was surely not "bad luck."

We presume the lucky fisherman was using "garden huckle" for bait. But where and how he got the lowly worms, we just do not know; we imagine he had to dig almost to China to get 'em.

Others who were out on the lake that day included City Manager George Granger and Ernie Barchers the canoe man. Consensus of opinion was that the fishing should be good soon. At any rate, Judge Moore gave us that off the record opinion. He has promised to let us know soon as to when that opinion is vindicated.

But, jobbing aside, this sport of ice fishing looks good to us. Even if sometimes the fish are all AWOL.

However, "when winter comes, spring is not far away"—so it is a waiting game for all the regular fly fishermen now—until that last Saturday in April!

SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

January Session, 1944.

Meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the County of Crawford held in the Court House in the City of Grayling on the 3rd day of January, 1944.

Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Sydney A. Dyer.

Roll was called by Townships and City of which the following Supervisors responded: Frederick Township, Jay O'Dell, Supervisor.

Grayling Township, Fred Niederer, Supervisor.

Lovells Township, Austin J. Scott, Supervisor.

Maple Forest Township, Archie Howe, Supervisor.

South Branch Township, Sydney A. Dyer, Supervisor.

City of Grayling, George Burke, Supervisor.

City of Grayling, Edwin Carlson, Supervisor.

Beaver Creek Township, Frank Millikin, Supervisor. (Absent).

Communications from the following were read: Auditor General's Department, and resolutions from the following Counties: Barry, Dickinson, Ontonagon and Gratiot.

Moved by Niederer, and supported by O'Dell that the several communications be placed in the hands of the Ways and Means Committee. Motion carried.

Report of Committee on Ways and Means
 To the Honorable Board of Supervisors:
 Gentlemen: Your Committee on Ways and Means have had the several communications under consideration and recommend the following: That we adopt the resolution passed by the Barry County Board of Supervisors relative to a bounty paid on fox and the same amount be paid on Bob Cats and that our clerk be instructed to send a copy to our State Senator and State Representative and further recommend the following resolutions be placed on file: Dickinson County Board of Supervisors, Gratiot County Board of Supervisors, Ontonagon County Board of Supervisors and the Auditor General's Department.

Respectfully submitted, Archie Howe, Fred Niederer, George Burke, Committee on Ways and Means.

Frank Sales tendered his resignation as Road Commissioner. Grayling, Michigan. December 6, 1943.

To Board of County Road Commissioners, The Board of Supervisors, Crawford County, Mich. Gentlemen:

My resignation is herewith tendered, as member of the Board of County Road Commissioners for Crawford County, to become effective as of above date.

Yours truly, Frank Sales.

Moved by Burke and supported by O'Dell that the resignation of Frank Sales be accepted. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dell and supported by Howe that the hour of the appointment of a Road Commissioner be set for the 10th day of February, 1944. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott and supported by O'Dell that the report of the Ways and Means Committee be accepted, approved and adopted. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dell and supported by Carlson that the clerk and treasurer be authorized to purchase for the County of Crawford, fourteen (\$1,000 series F.) Government Bonds at the purchase price of \$10,280.00 during the fourth bond drive. Title to said bonds shall read in the name of the County of Crawford and be deposited in the Grayling State Savings Bank for safe keeping. Roll call: Yeats, O'Dell, Carlson, Niederer, Scott, Howe, Burke and Dyer, Nays, none. The motion carried.

Moved by Burke and supported by Carlson that we adjourn until Tuesday a. m. at nine o'clock. Motion carried.

Sydney A. Dyer, Chairman.

Bessie Peterson, Clerk.

Meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the County of Crawford continued and held in the Court House in the City of Grayling on the 4th day of January, 1944.

Meeting was called to order by the chairman, Sydney A. Dyer.

Roll called; all members answering present.

Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd day of January were read and approved.

Moved by Millikin and supported by Howe that the Claims and Accounts be placed in the hands of the Claims and Accounts Committee, all members voting

yea: The motion carried. The report of the Claims and Accounts Committee was read as follows:

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF CRAWFORD, ss: THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR SAID COUNTY.

Date at Grayling, Jan. 4th, 1944. To the Honorable, the said Board of Supervisors:

Your Committee on Claims and Accounts would respectfully submit the following as their report, and do hereby recommend that several amounts scheduled here-in be allowed, also that the Clerk of this Board be authorized to draw orders on the County Treasurer for the same.

A. J. Scott, Edwin Carlson, Jay O'Dell, Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Dated Jan. 4, 1944.

Claimant	Character of Claim	Amt. Allowed
1. City of Grayling—Lights, water, sewer for Nov. 1943.		\$ 20.96
2. Tri-County Telephone—Telephone & Long Dist. for Nov. 1943.		21.35
3. The Crawford Avalanche—Supervisors Proceedings.		47.00
4. City of Grayling—Lights, water, sewer for Dec. 1943.		22.27
5. Tri-County Telephone—Telephone & Long Dist. for Dec. 1943.		16.55
6. Hanson Hardware—Janitor supplies.		1.20
7. Grayling Laundry—Laundry for jail.		4.50
8. The Crawford Avalanche—Advertising.		3.00
9. Doubleday Bros.—Office supplies.		30.18
10. Hurley Bros.—Office supplies.		15.06
11. Doubleday-Hunt-Dolan Co.—Office supplies.		140.99
12. Mich State San.—Dental Work.		35.00
13. Albert J. Rehkopf—Boiler repairs.		2.10
14. Grand Rapids Loose Leaf Binder Co.—Office supplies.		5.90
15. Ronnow Hanson—Tract Book corrections.		36.30
16. John A. Papendick—Fees & Mileage, Oct., Nov. and Dec., 1943.		514.83
17. E. Sawyer Johnson Co.—Toilet supplies.		10.00
18. Doubleday Bros.—Office supplies.		7.75
19. Wm. Golnick—Deputy fees.		33.50

City of Grayling, Edwin Carlson, Supervisor.

Beaver Creek Township, Frank Millikin, Supervisor. (Absent).

Communications from the following were read: Auditor General's Department, and resolutions from the following Counties: Barry, Dickinson, Ontonagon and Gratiot.

Moved by Niederer, and supported by O'Dell that the several communications be placed in the hands of the Ways and Means Committee. Motion carried.

Report of Committee on Ways and Means
 To the Honorable Board of Supervisors:
 Gentlemen: Your Committee on Ways and Means have had the several communications under consideration and recommend the following: That we adopt the resolution passed by the Barry County Board of Supervisors relative to a bounty paid on fox and the same amount be paid on Bob Cats and that our clerk be instructed to send a copy to our State Senator and State Representative and further recommend the following resolutions be placed on file: Dickinson County Board of Supervisors, Gratiot County Board of Supervisors, Ontonagon County Board of Supervisors and the Auditor General's Department.

Respectfully submitted, Archie Howe, Fred Niederer, George Burke, Committee on Ways and Means.

Frank Sales tendered his resignation as Road Commissioner. Grayling, Michigan. December 6, 1943.

To Board of County Road Commissioners, The Board of Supervisors, Crawford County, Mich. Gentlemen:

My resignation is herewith tendered, as member of the Board of County Road Commissioners for Crawford County, to become effective as of above date.

Yours truly, Frank Sales.

Moved by Burke and supported by O'Dell that the resignation of Frank Sales be accepted. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dell and supported by Howe that the hour of the appointment of a Road Commissioner be set for the 10th day of February, 1944. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott and supported by O'Dell that the report of the Ways and Means Committee be accepted, approved and adopted. Motion carried.

Moved by O'Dell and supported by Carlson that the clerk and treasurer be authorized to purchase for the County of Crawford, fourteen (\$1,000 series F.) Government Bonds at the purchase price of \$10,280.00 during the fourth bond drive. Title to said bonds shall read in the name of the County of Crawford and be deposited in the Grayling State Savings Bank for safe keeping. Roll call: Yeats, O'Dell, Carlson, Niederer, Scott, Howe, Burke and Dyer, Nays, none. The motion carried.

Moved by Burke and supported by Carlson that we adjourn until Tuesday a. m. at nine o'clock. Motion carried.

Sydney A. Dyer, Chairman.

Bessie Peterson, Clerk.

Meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the County of Crawford continued and held in the Court House in the City of Grayling on the 4th day of January, 1944.

Meeting was called to order by the chairman, Sydney A. Dyer.

Roll called; all members answering present.

Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd day of January were read and approved.

Moved by Millikin and supported by Howe that the Claims and Accounts be placed in the hands of the Claims and Accounts Committee, all members voting

yea: The motion carried. The report of the Claims and Accounts Committee was read as follows:

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF CRAWFORD, ss: THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR SAID COUNTY.

Date at Grayling, Jan. 4th, 1944. To the Honorable, the said Board of Supervisors:

Your Committee on Claims and Accounts would respectfully submit the following as their report, and do hereby recommend that several amounts scheduled here-in be allowed, also that the Clerk of this Board be authorized to draw orders on the County Treasurer for the same.

A. J. Scott, Edwin Carlson, Jay O'Dell, Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Dated Jan. 4, 1944.

City of Grayling, Edwin Carlson, Supervisor.

Beaver Creek Township, Frank Millikin, Supervisor. (Absent).

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE		
GRAYLING STATE SAVINGS BANK		
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN.		
at the close of business on December 31, 1943.		
Published in accordance with a call made by the Commissioner of the Banking Department pursuant to the provisions of Section 82 of the Michigan Financial Institutions Act.		
ASSETS		Dollars Cts.
Loans and discounts (including None overdrafts)		\$129,539.40
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed		435,051.25
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balances, and cash items in process of collection		425,920.34
Bank premises owned		None
Furniture and fixtures		1.00
TOTAL ASSETS		990,511.99
LIABILITIES		
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		495,924.42
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		234,849.51
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)		2,234.37
Deposits of States and political subdivisions		141,686.25
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)		45,254.99
TOTAL DEPOSITS		\$919,949.54
Other liabilities		2,850.40
Total Liabilities (not including subordinated obligations shown below)		922,799.94
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		
Capital		\$ 25,000.00
Surplus		35,000.00
Undivided profits		7,712.05
Reserves (and retirement account for preferred capital)		None
Total Capital Accounts		67,712.05
Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts		990,511.99
* This bank's capital consists of \$_____ of capital notes and debentures; first preferred stock with total par value of \$_____ total retirable value \$_____; second preferred stock with total par value of \$_____ total retirable value \$_____; and common stock with total par value of \$25,000.00.		
MEMORANDA		
Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value):		
(a) U. S. Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities		None
Total		None
Secured and preferred liabilities:		
Total		None
Subordinated obligations:		
(a) Unpaid dividends on preferred stock and unpaid interest on capital notes and debentures, accrued to end of last dividend or interest period, not included in liabilities or reserves above		None
(b) Other obligations not included in liabilities which are subordinated to claims of depositors and other creditors		None
(a) On date of report the required legal reserve against deposits of this bank was		114,993.69
(b) Assets reported above which were eligible as legal reserve amounted to		805,971.59
OFFICERS:		DIRECTORS:
Esbern Hanson, President		Esbern Hanson
John Bruun, Vice-Pres. & Manager		Holger D. Hanson
Holger D. Hanson, Vice-Pres.		John Bruun
Margrethe Nielsen, Cashier		A. J. Nelson
Don K. Gothro, Asst. Cashier		Wilhelm Rase

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Grayling in said County, on the 30th day of December, A. D. 1943.

Present, Honorable Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Augusta M. Duby, Deceased.

Louise H. McCormick having filed in said court her petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to her or to some other suitable person.

It is ordered, that the 31st day of January, A. D. 1944, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

A true copy.

Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate. 1-6-4.

Alec Weakens Fabric

The American Institute of Laundering has made tests which indicate that the acid in stains from fruit juices weaken the fabric as much as 15 to 38 per cent. These figures indicate how damaging such stains may be and the importance of removing them promptly.

Bad Lands Yield Fossils

The Bad Lands of Wyoming and South Dakota contain the most extensive fossil beds in the world.

Read your home paper, Subscribe for the Avalanche.

Wanted Ads

FOR SALE—Fur coat, black Hudson Seal, full length, size 36. Excellent condition, very reasonable. 307 Tonia St. or phone 2682, Mrs. Albert Rehkopf. 1-20-3.

WANTED—To buy a tract of timber land. Write and state number of acres

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Food Market

Takes pride in looking after the wants of their patrons. It is their desire to do everything to please you.



This is a home-owned institution for home community citizens.



Dance at Spike's Saturday night to a classy 5-piece orchestra from Traverse City.

Miss Margrethe Bauman was hostess to a few friends at a co-operative dinner at her home Sunday evening.

Mrs. George Hilton left Monday for Lansing where she will be with Mr. Hilton's sister during an operation.

Mrs. A. F. Gierke, accompanied by her son, Earl, who is here on furlough, spent Sunday in Saginaw and Marlette, visiting the Eimer Rasmussen family.

Pvt. Donald Smock will return to Camp Blanding, Florida, tonight, after spending a week's furlough with his family and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Smock.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tapio, of Gaylord, a son, Thomas Henry, on January 17. The baby's daddy is somewhere in the South Pacific.

Sgt. Wright and T-Sgt. Dwight Merrill are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Merrill. They are stationed at Sioux Falls, S. D.

Wilhelm Raas, Oscar Hanson, John Bruun and Mr. and Mrs. Osborn Hanson were in Saginaw Thursday and Friday. The gentlemen were attending business meetings.

Archie Collier of Pinconning visited his sister Mrs. Henry Bouson and family Monday and Tuesday. He was accompanied by a nephew the family had not seen in a number of years.

J. B. Perry, chief quartermaster in the U. S. Navy for the past five years and his wife of Alameda, Calif., with Miss Fern Perry of Detroit, visited Mrs. James Perry and family over the weekend.

Roy Trudgeon has been a patient at Mercy Hospital since last Thursday, receiving some blood transfusions and treatment to build up a run-down condition. He is reported as slowly improving.

A son, Herbert Edward, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ashley, of Marquette, January 14. Two days later, Allen, a son of the Ashleys, was brought to Mercy Hospital, having fractured his left leg while tobogganing.

Cpl. Clayton McDonnell arrived home from Camp Vandorn, Miss., Thursday for a short furlough with his family. This was the first time Clayton had seen the new baby.

Earl Gierke, T-5, of Camp Davis, N. C., will be returning to his post Friday, after spending several days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Gierke. He has as his guest while here, Miss Louise Allen, of Saginaw.

Ideal weather has prevailed for some time for skiing and skating. Many outsiders may be found every day on Grayling Winter Park's ideal ski trails. The public skating rink too is coming into its share play. Large crowds may be seen there daily, especially in the evening. The place is nicely lighted and there is excellent music, which are being greatly enjoyed.

Gold candles in a silver candelabra made the center piece for the long lace covered table at which Mrs. C. R. Keyport seated the ladies of her bridge club at luncheon Wednesday afternoon. Contract followed the luncheon with Mrs. C. G. Clippert and Mrs. Robert Hayes having high scores. Mrs. Thomas Stancil, Mrs. Horace Ocker and Mrs. Hayes were guests of the club.

Miss Jennie Straehly, 74, of Ventura, Calif., a sister of Clayton Straehly, died at her home January 3rd. Her remains were brot to Bronson, Mich. for burial January 14th. Mr. Straehly and daughter Anabelle were in attendance at the funeral. Out of a family of 9 girls and 6 boys, those surviving are Clayton of Grayling, Elliott of Burr Oak, Isaac of Bronson and Mrs. Nellie Adams of Coldwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Moshier, of Birch Run, Mich., are happy over the arrival of a son, William Robert, born to them on Dec. 31.

T-Sgt. Bill Joseph arrived here Monday from Camp Butler, N. C. and will spend his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Joseph.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Dunham were in Ann Arbor last week where Mr. Dunham had a check up of his condition at University hospital. He is very much improved in health, but still unable to return to his work with the Western Union Telegraph Co.

Mrs. J. L. Martin submitted to a major operation Monday morning at Mercy Hospital, and is getting along nicely. Her son, Edward W., E.M. 3-C, of Davisville, R. I., is here on a 10-day furlough to visit his parents, and Miss Mary Dunlop, of Detroit, a sister of Mrs. Martin, arrived Sunday, to be here several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rutherford and two children, Edward, 4, and Arnold 3 years old of Mio, were brought to Mercy Hospital Sunday, all having been injured in a head-on auto collision. Mr. Rutherford, who is principal of the Mio high school, was the most seriously injured. He suffered severe chest injuries, while Mrs. Rutherford received bruises and lacerations on her head and face. She, however, with the children, was released from the hospital, Tuesday.

Those from out of the city attending the funeral of Oscar Smock of Frederic who died January 9, included: Mr. and Mrs. Leo Cannon and son Thomas, of Big Bay; Miss Audrey Gannon of St. Mary's Hospital, Saginaw; Miss Beverly Gannon of Herman Keifer Hospital, Detroit; Pvt. Donald Smock of Camp Blanding, Fla.; Harry Smock and Wayne Smock, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hunter, Mrs. George Hunter and Grace Johnson, of Midland; and Fred Yettaw of Flint. Besides his daughter and son, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild, the deceased is survived by one brother, Harry Smock, of Midland. Funeral services were held Thursday morning at St. Mary's church, and the following were pall bearers: Ray Murphy, Paul Jungmann, James Tobin, Al Kaiser, Kenneth Allen and Ace Leng, all of Frederic. Mr. Smock, who had resided in Frederic for 35 years, worked in the woods and in forestry work at the C. C. C. camps. He has two grandsons in the service—Pvt. Donald Smock, Camp Blanding, Florida, and Corporal Howard Smock of San Diego, Calif.

Albert J. Vallad Victim of Heart Attack

Albert J. Vallad, age 58, died suddenly Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Heart failure was given as the cause of death. He was at the home of his daughter Mrs. Norval Stephan, and family and after enjoying a hearty meal, he lay down upon the davenport and was soon sound asleep, from which he never awakened. It is said that apparently he had been in good health and his sudden demise was wholly unlooked for and was quite a shock to his relatives. Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2:00 p. m. from the Grayling Funeral home, with Rev. Kuhlman officiating. It is expected that a son, Pvt. Orville Vallad will arrive home from Louisiana Friday morning. Also son Wellman Vallad of the armed guard of the navy is enroute to be here in time for the funeral.

Relates Horrors of Jungle Warfare

LUMBER PLAYS BIG PART IN WAR EFFORT.

Under sponsorship of the Timber Production War Project, Corporal Oswald Obhof, a veteran fighter in the South Pacific, there was a public meeting at the school auditorium last week Thursday evening. A number of motion picture reels were presented showing the extensive use of lumber and timber in warfare and the urgent need for civilian aid in providing it. Also there were several reels showing actual scenes taken at the war front in the Guadalcanal and other Pacific battle areas. An informal talk was given by Corp. Obhof, in which he related his personal experience in fighting the Japs and told of some of the atrocities of the enemy. He credits Japan with greater war strength than that of the Germans and claims that it is going to be far harder to defeat them than will be the Germans.

Reclassification of Nurses

Representatives of the Man-Power commission have called for a meeting to be held in Grayling next Monday, January 24th for the purpose of reclassifying the nurses of this district. It is to be expected that the chairmen from the following counties will be in attendance: Emmett, Clare, Isabella, Bay, Alpena, Cheboygan, Grand Traverse, Wexford, Manistee, Oscoda and Mackinac will be in attendance. The meeting will be held in the Grayling Nurse's home. Meeting starts at 10:30 a. m.

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Black and Brown Suedes . . .

Kid and Fabric Styles.

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Church News

MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH

Sunday Services:
10:00 A. M.—Bible School.
11:00 A. M.—Public worship.
Young People's meeting at 6:30.
Join us in these helpful meetings.
Public is invited.
H. W. Kuhlman, Pastor.

GRAYLING EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

English Sunday Services:
9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.
11 A. M.—Worship.
Everyone is welcome.
Svend Holm, Pastor.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Corner Shellenburger and State
Sunday Services:
Sunday School—10:00 a. m.
Sermon—11:00 a. m.
Evening Worship—7:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting, Friday—7:30 p. m.
Come and worship with us.
Alva Calkins, Pastor.

CALVARY CHURCH

The Book—2 Tim 3:18
The Blood Heb. 9:22
That Blessed Hope, Titus 2:13
New Location—Grange Hall
Sunday Services:
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School.
8:45 P. M.—Young people.
7:30 P. M.—Preaching.

Midweek Services

Thursday—7:30 P. M.—Prayer and Everybody's Bible Class.
You are welcome.
Pastor, F. D. Barnes.

FREDERIC BIBLE CHURCH

"We preach Christ crucified for our sins"
10:30 a. m.—Sunday School.
8:00 p. m.—Evening Service.
Wednesday—Prayer meeting and Bible study—8:00 p. m.

EXCELSOR CHURCH (near Darragh).

Services every Friday night—8:00 p. m.

JOHANNESBURG

Services every Thursday night—8:00 p. m.
Rev. Chas. Opitz, Pastor.

Timber Corps

About 5,000 members of Britain's Land Army women belong to the Timber Corps, engaged in cutting and finishing timber for use in the mines.

Rationing at a Glance

Board opens to the public 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. every weekday.

PROCESSED FOODS.

Green D, E and F in Book 4 good through January 20.

Green G, H, and J good through Feb. 20.

MEATS, CHEESE, BUTTER, FATS, CANNED FISH, CANNED MILK.

Brown stamps R and S in Book 3 good now, T Jan. 9, U Jan. 16, all expire Jan. 29. Spare stamp No. 2 in Book 4 good 15 points on purchase of all fresh pork and all sausage (except canned and bottled) through Jan. 15.

SUGAR

Stamps 29 in Book 4 good 5 pounds through Jan. 15, 1944. Stamp 30 in Book 4 good for 5 pounds Jan. 16 through Mar. 31.

SHOES.

Stamp 18 in Book 1 and No. 18 in Book 3 good for 1 pair each until further notice.

GASOLINE

Stamp A-9 good for 3 gal. of gasoline through Jan. 31, 1944. B, C, and C-1 stamps good for 2 gal. until further notice. B-2 and C-2 stamps good for 5 gallons until used. State and license numbers must be written on face of each coupon IMMEDIATELY upon receipt of book.

TIRES

Next inspection due; A and B vehicles by March 31, 1944; C and D by Feb. 29; C's by Feb. 29; commercial vehicles every 6 months or every 5,000 miles, whichever is first.

FUEL OIL

Coupons 2 and 3 good No. 2 expires Feb. 7; No. 3, Mar. 13. Unit value, 10 gallons. Change-making and reserve coupons good throughout heating year. Consumption in Cleveland area shouldn't have exceeded 10 per cent of season's ration.

OPA RADIO PROGRAMS.

District Director John F. Kessel broadcasts from State WDFB, 1:00-1:15 p. m. every Friday; WBCM, 3:45-4:00 p. m. every Friday; WSAM, 3:15-3:30 p. m. every Tuesday.

Should Mature

For maximum yields and keeping quality, potatoes should be harvested until mature. Furthermore, where late blight is active in the field, this disease is almost certain to be spread to the tubers, resulting in rot in storage if the crop is immature.

SHIRLEE SHOPPE

JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

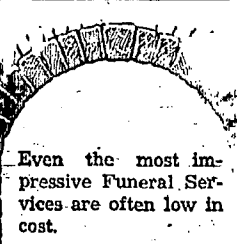
DRESSES . . . Now 1-3 OFF
COATS . . . Now Greatly Reduced
HATS . . . Now 1-2 OFF

BLOUSES—Odd Lots, broken sizes \$1.39 - \$2.50
PANTIES—Elastic Bands 59c
SOX: Ski and ¾ length Cotton 29c to 69c
HOSE: Irregular 59c SKIRTS: A few odd sizes \$1.39
HOUSE COATS: Reduced to \$2.59
HOUSE DRESSES: Reduced to \$1.99
HEADGEAR: Squares, Rayon Fleece Triangles 59c to \$1.29
WRAP-AROUNDS Greatly Reduced BAGS Greatly Reduced
COTTON SWEATERS Reduced to \$1.59
HAIR BOWS Reduced to 29c and 39c
WOOL and FABRIC GLOVES Reduced to 59c and 79c

FOR B. S. NOW AND 4th WAR LOAN



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Today, with eyes of the world upon us,

THE FOURTH WAR LOAN IS LAUNCHED!

TODAY, the 18th of January, America's Fourth War Loan starts.

It is the largest of all war loans in terms of individual participation—in the amount you must dig down for.

And—it is, perhaps, the most important of all War Loans. For it comes at a time when the eyes of all the world are upon us; the eyes of our friends, the eyes of our enemies, the eyes of our own fighting men.

We have just entered the crucial year of the war, a year of destiny, a year that promises to decide how good or bad a world we'll have to live in all the rest of our lives. And the world is wondering how deeply we mean it when we promise our men we'll back their attack, and when we promise our Allies we'll stick with them not only through the winning of the war but through the winning of the peace as well.

The Fourth War Loan is the home front's first big test of this new and vital year. It will take unity and determination of will of all the people to make the Loan succeed.

The need for this and other War Loans should be clear to every American. This war is the costliest effort ever undertaken by any country. It costs 250 million dollars each day. This is just the cost of the war, in addition to the regular, inescapable cost of running a great and huge country. Taxes can't take care of all this outgo. Neither can government borrowing from insurance companies, savings banks, corporations, and other large investors. It is necessary to turn to the people, their weekly wages, their savings ac-

counts, the money tucked away in pantry sugar bowls, in socks, under mattresses.

This is as it should be. In a democracy, war is the business of all the people. Some must fight, some must work and put up the money.

It's the only way to raise the money. It's also the right way to raise the money. It gives you a good place to invest the extra money you have today. It's a curb on inflation, on that dangerous bulk of pocket money that leads to black markets and disastrous spending. It's a mattress for tomorrow, a sort of individually planned Social Security that will bring in welcome money in the years ahead when income might not be the Mississippi flood it is today.

These last are not the reasons for the Loans. They are extra reasons, however, over and above the \$1 interest you get on every \$3 you invest. The fundamental reason for the Fourth War Loan is that your beloved America, at war and in danger, needs your help!

Every one who has a job or savings, should invest at least \$100—if possible, \$200, \$300, or \$500 extra. Some 5,000,000 Americans, volunteers, will be working to sell these Bonds. One of these volunteers will ask you to buy, where you work, at your home, or some other place. If by some chance, you're missed, find out where to buy and buy on your own.

The place where you work will have a quota. That's where you should make your major investment. That's where your personal quota really counts.

But... The place you live also has a quota. Try to invest there, too. Other people will ask you. Salespeople, in

retail stores, have volunteered to help and have an individual quota. If they ask you to buy, try to buy from them, too. Movie theaters, restaurants, schools, banks, postoffices, and many other places also will be selling bonds.

The Fourth Loan is a test of us as a nation.

The eyes of our fighting men are upon us to see if we are backing them.

... The eyes of our Allies are upon us to see if we are with them.

... The eyes of our enemies are upon us to see if we are soft enough to fall for a non-victorious, here-today-gone-tomorrow peace...

Are we? The answer is in your pocket!



This Advertisement Sponsored By:

Grayling State Savings Bank

With colossal military operations imminent in both Europe and Asia, the over-subscription of every Fourth War Loan Quota—National, State and Local—is of vital importance. Our fighting men are looking to us. We must not fail in our responsibility. The people of Crawford County have met the War Loan quotas for our county month after month... WE WILL MEET THIS QUOTA, TOO! Our boys are fighting... WE MUST BACK THEM UP.

CRAWFORD-COUNTY WAR BOND COMMITTEE

ESBURN HANSON
WM. RAAE
O. P. SCHUMANN
CARL DOROH
CHAS. E. MOORE
MRS. S. A. STEALY
JOHN BRUNN, Chairman.

Letters
from Boys
in Service

Mrs. Lillian Beck received the following letter from her nephew—Cecil Croft, who is serving somewhere in England:

Dear Aunt:
Received your letters today and was glad to hear you are well. I wrote to Mrs. Barton and found out she was a cousin of yours. She passed away nearly a year ago, but her husband answered my letter. Asked me to come and see them. Also sent their daughter's address. So far I like England fairly well, but will be glad to get back home. I have been up in Scotland and it is very pretty there. Hope to see all around it possible. Mr. Barton said most of Grandma's relatives still live in that part of the country. Love, and write.

As ever,
Cec. Croft.
Cecil Croft,
55th Ord., M. V. D. Co
A. P. O. 507,
c-o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

December 26, 1943

Mr. Schumann:
You can put this in your paper if you care to; suit yourself about that.

I'm sorry I haven't done this before, since my last letter to you was written in 1942 some time, and here it is almost 1944.

I've been receiving the paper a couple of times a month and enjoy it very much.

Hope you and your staff had a nice Christmas, and your new year will be the same.

Just in case you do put this in your paper, I'll add the same greetings to my relatives and friends.

I also hope to be drifting back that way pretty soon.

I'll close now thanking you for sending me the paper.

PFC. D. P. Feldhauser,
Bty W., U. S. M. C.
c-o Fleet P. O. San Francisco,
Calif.

Wheat Chief Food

Wheat products are the largest items on the Italian menu. Before the war Italy was the third largest wheat-growing nation in Europe, with a crop more than a third the total for the United States. In addition, up to 35 million bushels of wheat was imported from Argentina, Australia, the United States and Russia. About a third of the imports went into the manufacture of macaroni, and other food products for export. A 15 per cent decrease in wheat consumption in recent years had been eased by the use of rice and fish.

Replaces Metal

The National Lumber Manufacturers association states that 5,249,774,000 board feet of lumber and 450,808,600 square feet of plywood have been used to replace 5,297,078 tons of metal thus made available for urgent war products. The largest items of replacement are in the construction of ships and boats.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
The Probate Court for the
County of Crawford.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Grayling in said County, on the 8th day of January, A. D. 1944.

Present: Hon. Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Mathilde Brandt Myers, deceased.

It appearing to the Court that the time for presentation of the claims against such estate should be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said Court.

It is ordered, that creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said Court at said Probate Office on or before the 20th day of March, A. D. 1944, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, said time and place being hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims and demands against said deceased.

It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

Charles E. Moore,
Judge of Probate.
A true copy,
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Judge of Probate. 1-13-44

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